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SUBJ SEMINAR ON MICROWAVES AND LASERS

REF OTTAWA 2035, JUNE 27, 1974, AND STATE 144293, JULY 4, 1974.

1. AS DEPT IS AWARE FROM REFTELS, THERE HAS BEEN A CONTINUING INTEREST FOR SOME TIME, PARTICULARLY IN ONTARIO, IN THE HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH BOTH MICROWAVES AND LASERS. BOTH PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING THESE HAZARDS WITH AN EYE TO POSSIBLE REGULATORY ACTION.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA LIMITED (AECL) THAT IT INTENDS TO HOLD A SEMINAR SHORTLY ON THIS TOPIC. AECL HAS INVITED JOHN C. VILLFORTH, DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH OF THE DEPT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, TO ATTEND THIS SEMINAR WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE CHALK RIVER NUCLEAR LABORATORIES, AND TO PRESENT A PAPER. FURTHER, AECL HAS INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE OFFERED TO COVER TRAVEL EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SEMINAR.

2. THERE IS, OF COURSE, A CLEAR MUTUALITY OF SCIENTIFIC INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT. BEYOND THIS, HOWEVER, IT IS ALSO IN OUR VIEW IN OUR OWN BEST INTERESTS TO ASSURE CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN CANADIAN AND AMERICAN EXPERTS IN THIS AREA IN ORDER THAT REGULATORY ACTIONS NOT INADVERTENTLY BECOME COMMERCIAL IMPEDIMENTS. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPT BRING THIS INVITATION TO THE ATTENTION

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OF APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN BOTH COMMERCE AND HEW AND THAT MR

VILLFORTH BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND THIS SEMINAR.
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